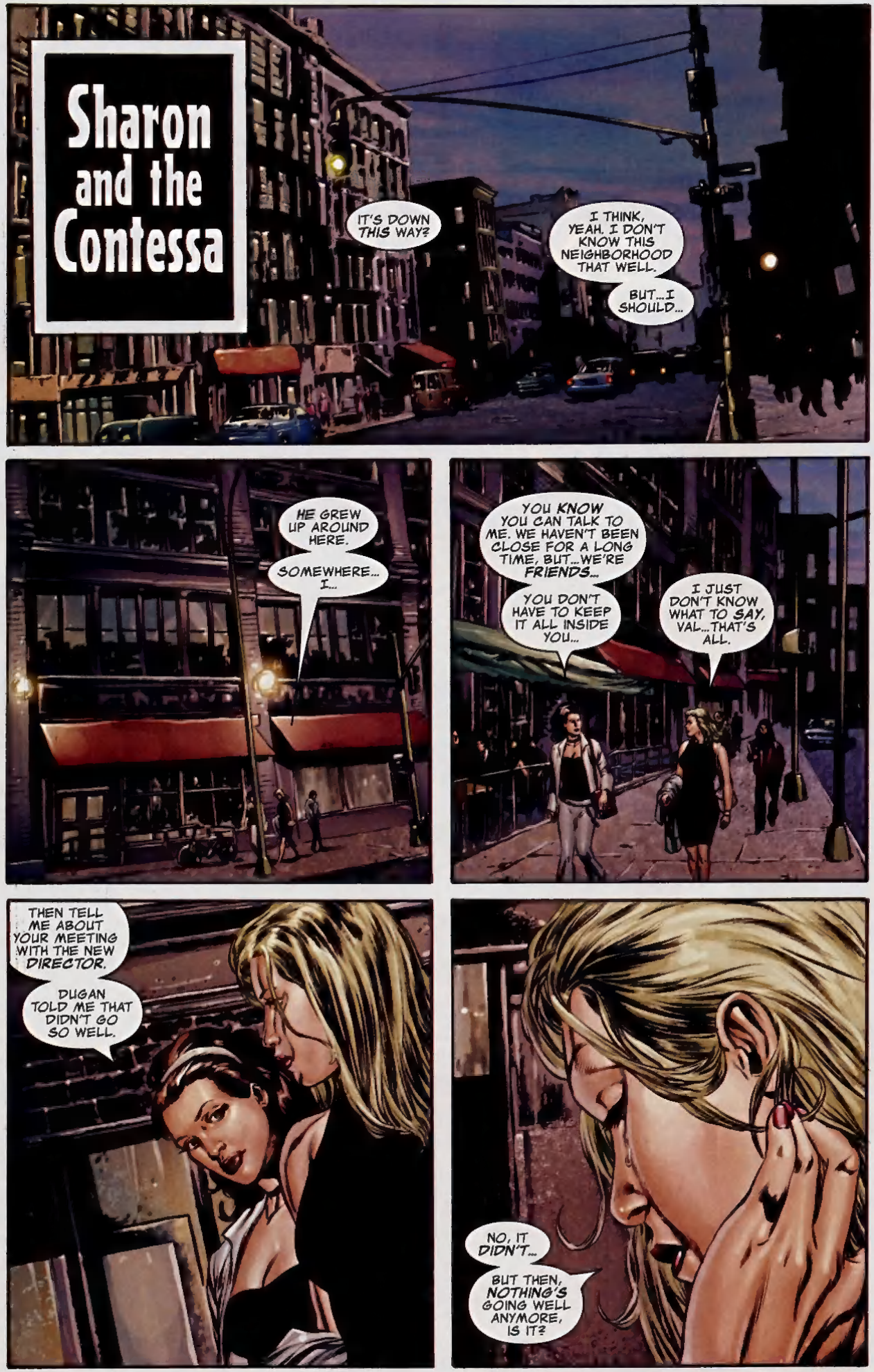
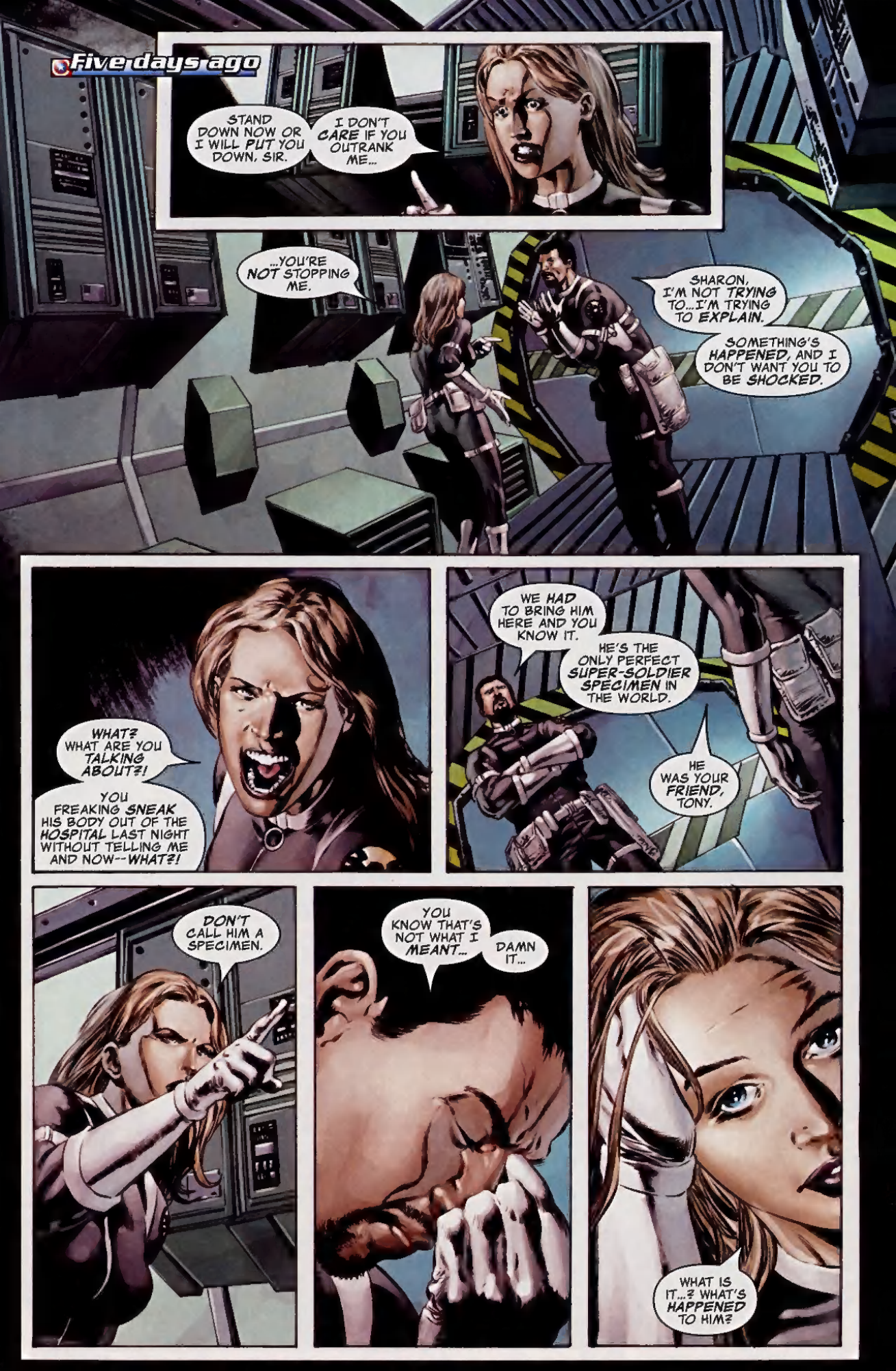
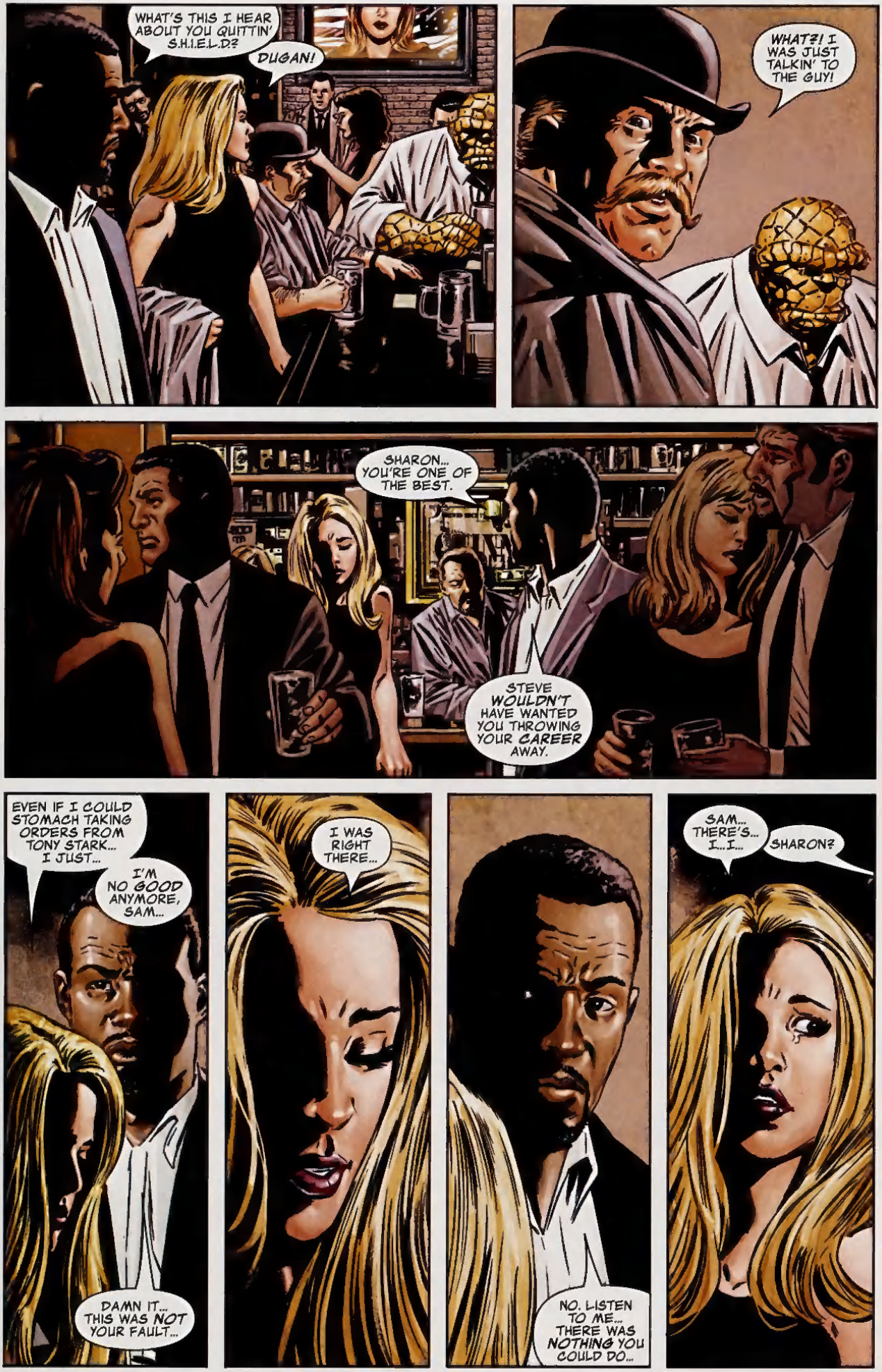

Sharon and the Contessa
IT'S DOWN THIS WAY?
I THINK, YEAH. I DON'T KNOW THIS NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WELL.
BUT...I SHOULD...
HE GREW UP AROUND HERE.
SOMEWHERE... I...
YOU KNOW YOU CAN TALK TO ME. WE HAVEN'T BEEN CLOSE FOR A LONG TIME, BUT...WE'RE FRIENDS...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP IT ALL INSIDE YOU...
I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, VAL...THAT'S ALL.
THEN TELL ME ABOUT YOUR MEETING WITH THE NEW DIRECTOR.
DUGAN TOLD ME THAT DIDN'T GO SO WELL.
NO, IT DIDN'T...
BUT THEN, NOTHING'S GOING WELL ANYMORE, IS IT?

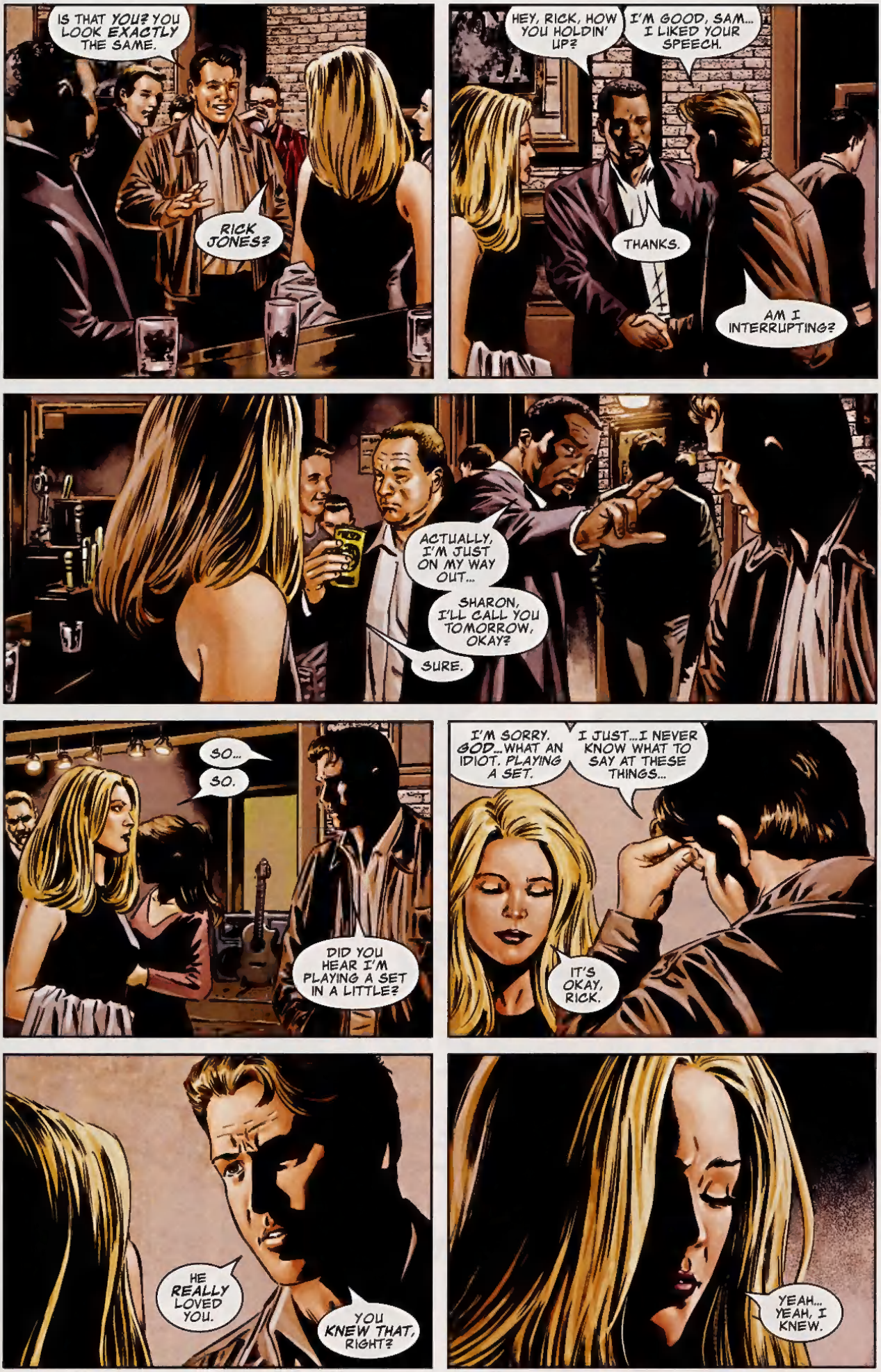

Five days ago
STAND DOWN NOW OR I WILL PUT YOU DOWN, SIR.
I DON'T CARE IF YOU OUTRANK ME...
...YOU'RE NOT STOPPING ME.
SHARON, I'M NOT TRYING TO...I'M TRYING TO EXPLAIN.
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED, AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE SHOCKED.
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
YOU FREAKING SNEAK HIS BODY OUT OF THE HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT WITHOUT TELLING ME AND NOW--WHAT?!
WE HAD TO BRING HIM HERE AND YOU KNOW IT.
HE'S THE ONLY PERFECT SUPER-SOLDIER SPECIMEN IN THE WORLD.
HE WAS YOUR FRIEND, TONY.
DON'T CALL HIM A SPECIMEN.
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
DAMN IT...
WHAT IS IT...? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?

"I DON'T KNOW."
...MY GOD...
OUR BEST GUESS, UNTIL WE GET THE LABS BACK, IS THAT THE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM REVERSED ITS EFFECTS WHEN HE DIED.
IT'S UNEXPECTED, THOUGH, SO WE'RE RUNNING COMPREHENSIVE TESTS.
STEVE... OH GOD...
...WHAT DID I DO...?
WHAT?

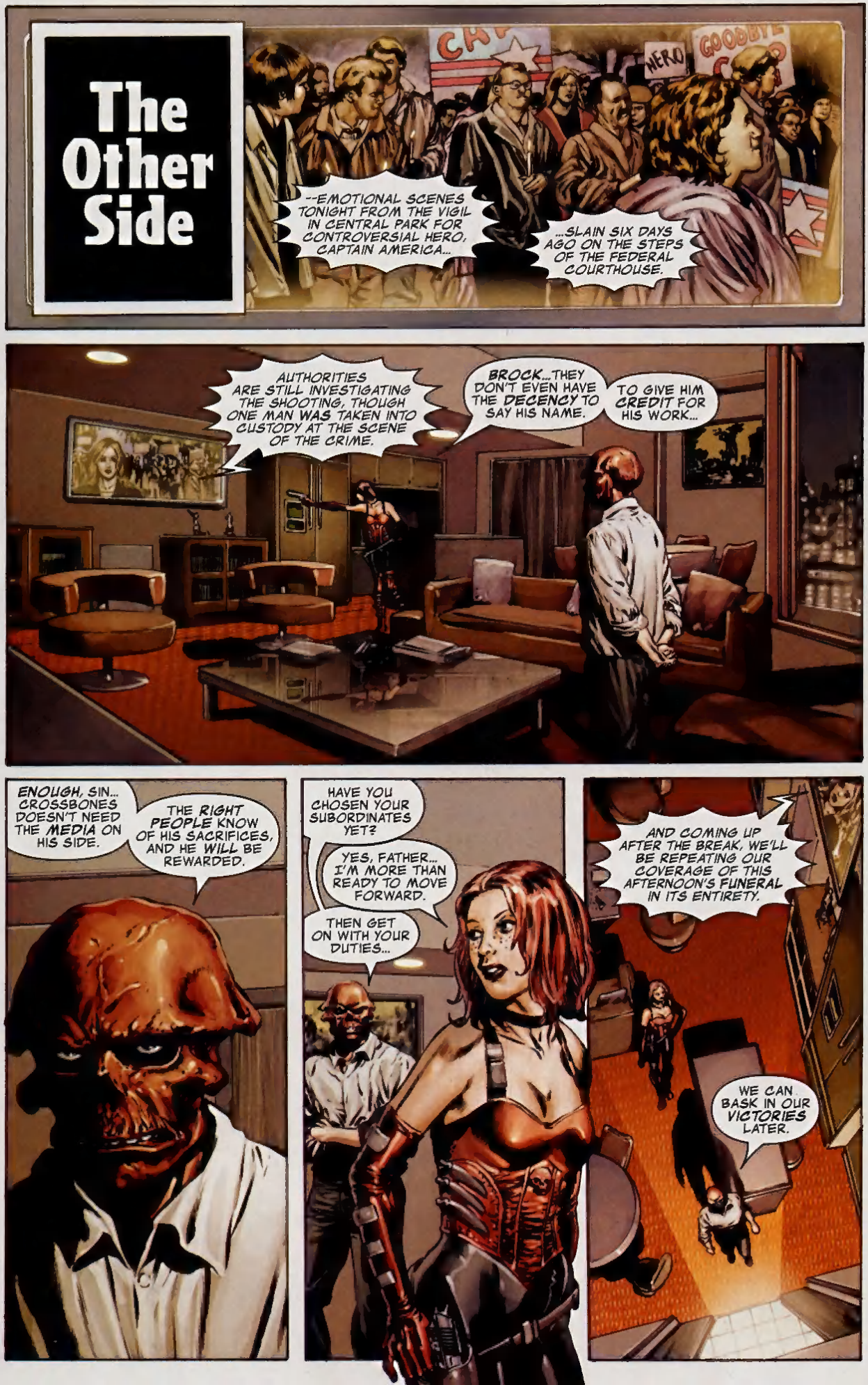
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?
SHARON, I JUST TOLD YOU...
YOU CAN'T... YOU CAN'T THINK I WOULD DO THIS.
YOU CAN'T THINK I WANTED ANY OF THIS.
CAN'T I?
YOU'RE SUDDENLY RUNNING S.H.I.E.L.D. WHILE HE'S... HE'S--
DAMN IT, SHARON. I WAS TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING. I WAS TRYING TO...SAVE US FROM THIS...
YOU THINK SEEING HIM THIS WAY ISN'T KILLING ME?
SLAPP
YOU DON'T GET TO SAY THAT, STARK.

The Wake
THE THING ABOUT FLYING IS, YOU USUALLY GET WHERE YOU'RE GOING FASTER THAN EVERYBODY ELSE.
THAT'S NOT GENERALLY A PROBLEM, BUT TODAY...
...I'M WISHING I'D TAKEN A CAR, OR WALKED.
BY THE TIME SHARON SHOWS UP, FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN HERE HOURS, HAVING THE SAME CONVERSATION OVER AND OVER...
SAM!
HEY GIRL...
...HOW YOU HOLDIN' UP? I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU AT THE THING.
I KNOW... SORRY...
I THOUGHT YOUR SPEECH WAS BEAUTIFUL.


WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT YOU QUITTIN' S.H.I.E.L.D?
DUGAN!
WHAT?! I WAS JUST TALKIN' TO THE GUY!
SHARON... YOU'RE ONE OF THE BEST.
STEVE WOULDN'T HAVE WANTED YOU THROWING YOUR CAREER AWAY.
EVEN IF I COULD STOMACH TAKING ORDERS FROM TONY STARK... I JUST...
I'M NO GOOD ANYMORE, SAM...
DAMN IT... THIS WAS NOT YOUR FAULT...
I WAS RIGHT THERE...
NO. LISTEN TO ME... THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD DO...
SAM... THERE'S... I...I...
SHARON?


IS THAT YOU? YOU LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME.
RICK JONES?
HEY, RICK, HOW YOU HOLDIN' UP?
I'M GOOD, SAM... I LIKED YOUR SPEECH.
THANKS.
AM I INTERRUPTING?
ACTUALLY, I'M JUST ON MY WAY OUT...
SHARON, I'LL CALL YOU TOMORROW, OKAY?
SURE.
SO...
SO.
DID YOU HEAR I'M PLAYING A SET IN A LITTLE?
I'M SORRY. GOD...WHAT AN IDIOT. PLAYING A SET.
I JUST...I NEVER KNOW WHAT TO SAY AT THESE THINGS...
IT'S OKAY, RICK.
HE REALLY LOVED YOU.
YOU KNEW THAT, RIGHT?
YEAH... YEAH, I KNEW.

FELT BAD DUCKING OUT ON SHARON LIKE THAT, BUT I HAD TO GET OUT OF THERE.
THAT PLACE FELT A LITTLE TOO MUCH LIKE WHAT IT WAS...
...EXCEPT ALL THE WRONG PEOPLE WERE THERE.
I GUESS MAYBE THAT'S NOT FAIR. THEY'RE ALL GRIEVING FOR CAP, NO MATTER WHICH SIDE THEY WERE ON.
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL IN CENTRAL PARK... LIKE A THOUSAND OTHERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TONIGHT.
PEOPLE FOR AND AGAINST THE REGISTRATION ACT, PEACEFULLY UNITED IN THEIR MOURNING.
CAP WE WILL
CAN'T HELP THINKING THAT STEVE WOULD BE PROUD OF THAT...SOMEHOW.
CAP WILL NEVER DIE


The Other Side
--EMOTIONAL SCENES TONIGHT FROM THE VIGIL IN CENTRAL PARK FOR CONTROVERSIAL HERO, CAPTAIN AMERICA...
...SLAIN SIX DAYS AGO ON THE STEPS OF THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE.
AUTHORITIES ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THE SHOOTING, THOUGH ONE MAN WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.
BROCK...THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE DECENCY TO SAY HIS NAME.
TO GIVE HIM CREDIT FOR HIS WORK...
ENOUGH, SIN... CROSSBONES DOESN'T NEED THE MEDIA ON HIS SIDE.
THE RIGHT PEOPLE KNOW OF HIS SACRIFICES, AND HE WILL BE REWARDED.
HAVE YOU CHOSEN YOUR SUBORDINATES YET?
YES, FATHER... I'M MORE THAN READY TO MOVE FORWARD.
THEN GET ON WITH YOUR DUTIES...
AND COMING UP AFTER THE BREAK, WE'LL BE REPEATING OUR COVERAGE OF THIS AFTERNOON'S FUNERAL IN ITS ENTIRETY.
WE CAN BASK IN OUR VICTORIES LATER.

I WAS JUST ON MY WAY TO SEE YOU...
WONDERING IF YOU'LL BE IN MY OFFICE FOR OUR SESSION TONIGHT?
I SHALL BE WHERE I NEED TO BE, FAUSTUS, WHEN I DECIDE.
DON'T ASK FOR MY HELP AND THEN SPIT IN MY FACE, SKULL.
I'M NOT THE ONE WHO'S SHARING MY MIND WITH ANOTHER MAN.
IF I DIDN'T NEED YOU, I'D RIP YOUR FAT GUTS OUT FOR SPEAKING TO ME THIS WAY.
IF WE DIDN'T NEED EACH OTHER, I WOULDN'T BE SPEAKING WITH YOU AT ALL.
FORGIVE ME FOR INTERRUPTING THIS BATTLE OF EGOS...
BUT BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO KILL EACH OTHER...WOULD YOU CARE TO SEE THE PROGRESS I'VE MADE?

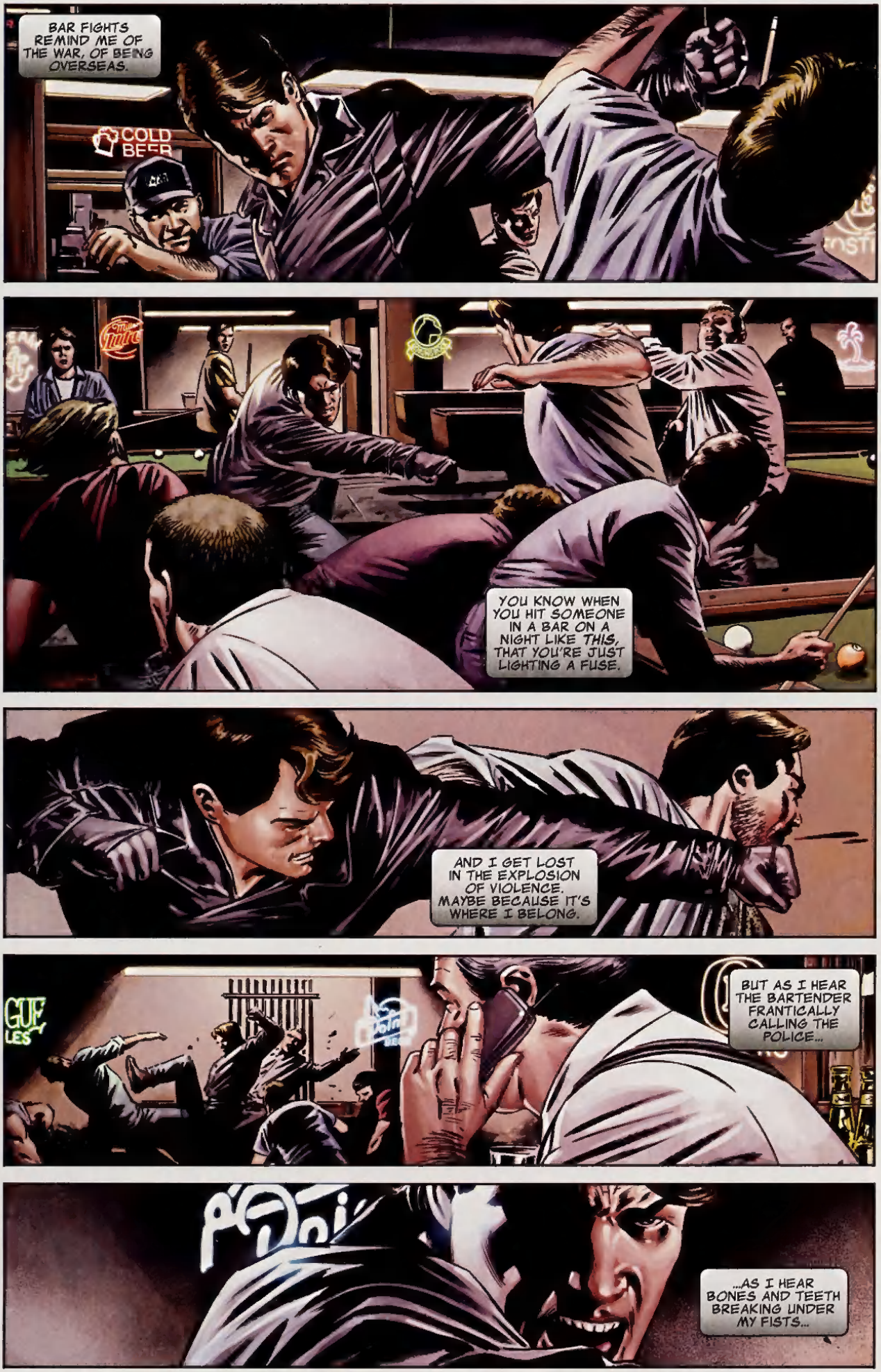
SO YOU HAVE CRACKED THE DEVICE'S INNER WORKINGS?
NOT ENTIRELY...SOME OF HIS SCIENCE IS NOT SCIENCE IF YOU GET MY MEANING.
BUT WHAT VON DOOM CAN INVENT, I CAN LIKELY REVERSE-ENGINEER, GIVEN PROPER TIME.
...ASTOUNDING... SIMPLY ASTOUNDING...
AND ONCE I UNDERSTAND HOW IT FUNCTIONS... I CAN ADAPT THE TECHNOLOGY TO SUIT OUR NEEDS.
WHERE DOOM SOUGHT ONLY ISOLATED MOMENTS...TIME ITSELF SHALL BE OPEN TO US.
OUR NEEDS? US?
EXCUSE ME, LEADER... YOUR NEEDS.
NEVER FORGET THAT.
COME, FAUSTUS, LET US SEE TO OTHER BUSINESS...
WHAT BUSINESS?
GENERAL LUKIN AND I HAVE A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY THIS AFTERNOON THAT I WANT YOU IN ON.

The Secret Wake
LIKED WHAT YOU SAID UP THERE, SAM...WISH I COULDA SAID A FEW WORDS MYSELF.
I KNOW, I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, LUKE.
IT DIDN'T FEEL RIGHT, NOT HAVING YOU ALL THERE, AT THE FUNERAL... OR THE WAKE AFTERWARDS.
DAMN, AIN'T NOTHIN' ABOUT THIS FEELS RIGHT.
LIKE SEEIN' YOUR NAME ON THE REGISTERED HEROES LIST.
I KNOW... BUT I HAD TO.
YOU KNOW I'M ON YOUR SIDE, BUT I WASN'T GOING TO LET STEVE GET BURIED ALONE.
I TOLD TONY AND HIS PEOPLE TO GIVE ME HARLEM AND LEAVE ME THE HELL ALONE.
WITH ALL THAT'S HAPPENED, I THINK HE JUST MIGHT...
S#@%... YOU SEE HIM AT THE FUNERAL?

COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT...
IT WAS WEIRD.
YEAH, I ALMOST FELT FOR HIM FOR A MINUTE...BUT THEN I REMEMBERED HE SENT ME TO THE NEGATIVE ZONE.
I'VE GOT NO LOVE FOR THE MAN RIGHT NOW MYSELF, BUT HE DIDN'T KILL CAP.
HE PUT HIM IN FRONT OF THE BULLETS... WHETHER HE MEANT TO OR NOT.
CAP LOST HEART AFTER THEIR FACE-OFF...OR HE'D HAVE NEVER TAKEN A HIT LIKE THAT.
NO...I'VE BEEN OVER THE FOOTAGE A THOUSAND TIMES. CAP PUSHES A COP OUT OF THE WAY OF A BULLET--SAVES HIM--AND THAT'S THE FIRST SHOT...
...THEN THE CROWD GOES NUTSO AND THE REST OF THE SHOOTING STARTS.
WITH THOSE STRENGTH-DAMPENING RESTRAINTS S.H.I.E.L.D. HAD HIM IN, IT WAS PROBABLY TAKING ALL HE HAD JUST TO WALK UP THOSE STAIRS...
BUT HE HADN'T LOST ANYTHING, HE WAS STILL A HERO... RIGHT TO THE END.

SO...IS IT TIME, THEN? BECAUSE AS JESSICA WAS JUST POINTING OUT, THIS WINE ISN'T GONNA DRINK ITSELF.
I SO DID NOT SAY THAT. I'M A NURSING MOTHER.
YEAH, LET'S GET ON WITH IT.
TO STEVE ROGERS... THE BEST OF US.
THE BEST OF US.
THE BEST OF US.
THE BEST OF--
DEET DOOT
SORRY...
SOMEWHERE ELSE YOU GOTTA BE?
YEAH... DAMN IT.

ONLY TRAGEDY I SEE IS WHERE THEY'RE BURYING HIM. ARLINGTON IS FOR HEROES...
...NOT TRAITORS.
KSSH
HEY, BUDDY...YOU OKAY?
SAY THAT AGAIN.
WHAT?! I'LL SAY IT ALL DAY, JACKHOLE...
CAP TURNED ON HIS OWN PEOPLE, HE FOUGHT AGAINST THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE... HE DISHONORED THE UNIFORM HE WORE.
I KNOW WHAT STEVE WOULD DO HERE. HE'D DEBATE.
HE'D POINT OUT THAT JUST BECAUSE A MAJORITY OF PEOPLE BELIEVE SOMETHING DOESN'T MEAN IT'S RIGHT.
HE'D REMIND THE ROOM THAT A MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ONCE SUPPORTED SLAVERY, TOO.


BAR FIGHTS REMIND ME OF THE WAR, OF BEING OVERSEAS.
COLD BEER
YOU KNOW WHEN YOU HIT SOMEONE IN A BAR ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS, THAT YOU'RE JUST LIGHTING A FUSE.
AND I GET LOST IN THE EXPLOSION OF VIOLENCE. MAYBE BECAUSE IT'S WHERE I BELONG.
BUT AS I HEAR THE BARTENDER FRANTICALLY CALLING THE POLICE...
...AS I HEAR BONES AND TEETH BREAKING UNDER MY FISTS...

HEY...I SAW WHAT YOU SAID ON TV... I THOUGHT...
HE'D HAVE LIKED IT. YOU REALLY UNDERSTOOD HIM.
WE NEED TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE, NOW. THE COPS ARE A MINUTE OUT, IF THAT.
LEMME JUST PAY MY TAB.
AND THEN, JUST LIKE THAT, IT ALL CLICKS INTO PLACE...
I SEE TONY STARK TRYING TO SPEAK AT STEVE'S FUNERAL. IT'S THE THIRD TIME THEY'VE SHOWN IT AND I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
HE BREAKS.
--IT WASN'T... IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS...
STARTS CRYING AND WALKS AWAY...JUST WALKS AWAY.
YOU COMING OR NOT?
AND RIGHT THEN, I KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO. I CAN'T BRING STEVE BACK. I CAN'T BE THE HERO HE WANTED ME TO BE...
BUT I CAN DO ONE THING... I CAN KILL TONY STARK.
OKAY... LET'S ROLL.
To Be Continued...